Development of fisheries in A.P.

4670. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central funds provided to Andhra Pradesh under the Central Schemes of Development of Freshwater, Aquaculture and Integrated Coastal Aquaculture for the development of fisheries in the State, during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the results achieved during the said period in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No Central funds were provided to Government of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Development of Freshwater Aquaculture and Integrated Coastal Aquaculture, since the State Government has discontinued the operation of both these schemes with effect from 1.3.1997.

(b) Question does not arise.

Coconut Disease in Orissa

†4671. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a new kind of worm has completely destroyed the coconut crop in the coastal districts of Orissa.

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard and whether any team of agricultural scientists has been sent to coastal districts of the State to control this disease; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to control this disease and to compensate coconut growers, whose crops have been destroyed completely?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Survey was conducted to study the extent of damage caused by the coconut mite in the coastal districts of Orissa where incidence was found to be between the range 20-30%.

(c) Based on the research findings, control measures have been recommended to the farmers. An amount of Rs. 16.00 lakhs has been provided by the Coconut Development Board for the control of mite in Orissa for 2001-2002.

Jhoom Cultivation in NER

4672. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the continued, massive practice of Jhoom (Shifting) cultivation in the North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details of special Government schemes, if any, to restrict and stop jhoom cultivation in those States; and

(c) whether Government would consult the State Governments in the matter and evolve a special policy and programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A scheme of Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA) under Additional Central Assistance to State Plan with 100% special central assistance is being implemented in the North Eastern States for the development of shifting cultivation areas. State Governments have been consulted in preparation of the guidelines of the scheme.